(*f*) if so, are such considerations shown in the case of Anglo-Indian students seeking admission to the College Classes?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):*

(*a*) No Anglo-Indian girl. 5 Anglo-Indian boys applied for admission, of whom 3 have been admitted.

(*b*) Of the two, one application was very late with the marks unattested. Such an application could not be considered in the absence of vacancies. The other was refused because he was a non-Cochinite.

(*c*) None.

(*d*) Does not arise.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Anglo-Indians do not come under the "Backward" communities. Being a small community special consideration has been shown to the Anglo-Indians in the matter of admission.

MALA CANAL—DEEPENING OF

116. Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether the work of deepening the Mala Canal will be completed in the year 1116, and for that purpose to include the item in the Budget for 1116?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* A part provision of Rs. 2,000 has been made in the Budget for 1116 (Preliminary).

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* May I take it that the remaining work will be completed in 1117?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Yes.

KURUMALI RAILWAY BRIDGE—REPAIR WORKS ON FESTIVAL DAYS—INCONVENIENCE TO PUBLIC

117. Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Will the Government be pleased to state,—

(*a*) the number of days during the year 1115—1116 on which regular vehicular traffic was put to inconvenience along the Cochin road due to the repairs of the Kurumali railway bridge;

(*b*) whether the Government is aware that some of those days of repair synchronised with the *Sivarathri* festival and the *Pooram* festival;

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